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Nereida Maria Menendez et al. :  
Serial No. 09/698,502 : METHOD FOR  
: COMPLETING AND STORING AN  
: ELECTRONIC RENTAL  
: AGREEMENT  
Filed: October 27, 2000 :  
: Attorney Docket No. 285277-00018

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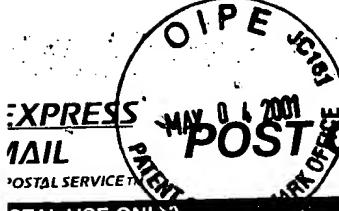
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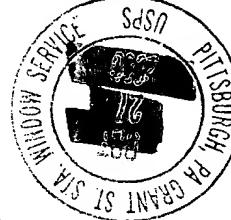
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